

## Special Delivery

### Firefighters deliver a baby girl in the station parking lot

The Duxbury Fire Department got a special delivery Tuesday evening when a baby girl was delivered in the parking lot.

At 5:51 Tuesday evening a new Duxbury resident was born. The 37-year-old mother and her husband were on the way to the hospital when their fourth child decided she was ready to see the world. The couple pulled into the Central Fire Station on Tremont Street to seek assistance.

Captain Roger Ladd, firefighter Robert Tripp, firefighter John Sjostedt, and firefighter paramedic Alex Merry assisted in the

delivery of the baby. When the firefighters arrived outside the family vehicle the baby's head had already appeared.

Using the special child birthing kit stationed in every ambulance, Merry assisted in the birth, which he said took about one minute. As the paramedic, Merry "had the run of the show," he said.

"It was a little nerve racking, but we receive a lot of training on birthing. You just rely back on that," Merry said of his first live birthing experience.

Mother and child, were taken via ambulance to Jordan Hospital. Merry said both were in good condition upon arrival at the hospital.

Due to privacy laws the fire department could not release the family's name.